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stickler on this point also and modify his Electrical Alphabet as follows:

B is for Bell who phoned Watson in Brantford.
He's now only deci-Bel but his ratings have soared.

Naturally, he too is apparently subject to Murphy's First Law, or was it Foster Finagle's First Law, that goes something like this: If anything can go wrong, it will. – Yours faithfully,

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BELL'S FIRST CALL

Dear Sir – I have recently received my October *Electronics & Power,* and enjoyed reading the article by Prof. H.M. Power 'What will you be when you grow up, Daddy'.

Having been a former member of the staff of 'Pulham Down' (the department that has as it's motto 'Always waiting for something to turn down'), I would like to take umbrage at the suggestion that Alexander Graham Bell made his first successful telephone call to Thomas Watson in Boston (see pp. 835 and 838).

Only this year it has been necessary to draw to the attention of the Bell Telephone Corporation of America, which made a similar statement on the front of the Boston, Mass. telephone directory, that the incident actually took place in Brantford, Ontario. Bell's correspondence clearly shows that this is so.

So may I suggest to Prof. Power that his friend from the Machiavellian Dynamics and Oriental Methods Department be an absolute